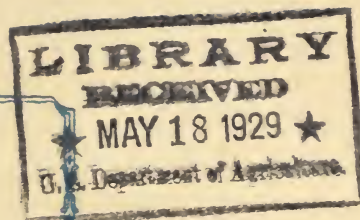


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DAHLIAS

Seasons 1929 ~ '30



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MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE

This Season of 1929 finds us with our Dahlia Gardens in a new location. Our headquarters are now in the Historic Old Town of Monterey, Calif., at the intersection of Munras Ave. and Fremont Street. Visitors from out of town will learn our present location best, by knowing that we are in the same block with the New Service Station of the Union Oil Co. Look to your left as you enter Monterey, and again to your left as you make the left turn to Carmel. There we are. Visitors are cordially invited to our Gardens, which will be in full bloom from July until November 15th. We have specialized in Dahlias since 1910, therefore you may expect to enjoy seeing one of the Finest and Largest Prize Winning Dahlia Displays that is shown anywhere in the world.

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MONTEREY, CALIF., U. S. A.



You may see such sights as these every day in the year if you live anywhere on the Monterey Peninsula. Monterey itself, is a City of Infinite Destiny, within a Circle of Enchantment. Pacific Grove, Carmel, Pebble Beach, Del Monte, and Monterey all welcome you.





CALIFORNIA STATE AWARDS



DAHLIAS have an added refinement of beauty each season, as the newer creations are offered the public, and proof of the ever increasing popularity of this flower is not lacking.

In response to the many requests which have come for information as to the proper procedure in the planting and care of this wonderful flower, we have made it a point to offer without charge, information gathered chiefly from experience, and with all due respect to theoretical ideas.

This information is printed separately from our Catalog, this season, and will be mailed to any address upon request. A copy is included with every shipment of tubers.

A great number of pleasing letters from satisfied customers throughout California, every State in the Union, and many foreign countries, continue to come in by mail. This is most gratifying, to us, and we will take this opportunity to thank one and all for their past favors.

Yours for better Dahlias,

Leslie E. Doolittle

Leslie E. Doolittle's Dahlias at Monterey, Calif. WON THE HIGHEST AWARD EVER OFFERED



GOLD MEDAL

For Best General
Collection—Official
Dahlia Show, Panama
Pacific Exposition
San Francisco
1915

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With divine touch man
unites the different
elements



DESCRIPTIONS, OR CLASSIFICATION OF DAHLIA TYPES

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

This is usually the largest flowering type of all Dahlias; is very hardy, vigorous, and long stemmed, so that we have in the DECORATIVE, the highest type of Dahlia. The true type is represented in our "Earle Williams" Dahlia, page thirteen. Double flowers, full to the center in early season, somewhat loosely arranged floral rays (petals), with broad points or round tips, which are either straight or decurved (turned down or back), not incurved, and with margins revolute (rolled back) if rolled at all.

CACTUS DAHLIAS

True Fluted Type: flowers fully double, petals long, narrow, incurved or twisted, with sharp, divided or fluted points, and with revolute (rolled back) margins, forming in the outer florets, a more or less perfect tube for more than half the length of the ray. The CACTUS type of Dahlia is of extreme refinement, combining grace and rare, dainty colorings.

DECORATIVE—CACTUS DAHLIAS

As will be readily understood, this type of Dahlia is a cross between a Decorative and Cactus type, and must show characteristics of both these types when being exhibited. Flowers fully double, with center petals usually rather broad, with the outer petals tapering to a point.

SHOW DAHLIAS

Ball shaped, always double, globular rather than flat, full to center, symmetrical formation of petals, floral rays more or less quilled. This is the old-fashioned type that our grandparents knew so well. However, today we have many deviations from this type, in new colorings, evolved from the old SHOW type.

DECORATIVE—SHOW DAHLIAS

A cross between these two mentioned types, which bears a resemblance to both types mentioned.

PEONY FLOWERED DAHLIAS

Semi-double flowers with open center, the inner floral rays being usually curled or twisted; the other, or outer petals being either flat, or more or less irregular. This type of Dahlia is in great demand, and is one of the most valuable.

CACTUS—PEONY DAHLIAS

This is one of the newer type of Dahlias, just now being classified and exhibited at the Dahlia shows throughout the U. S. A. It is a cross between these two types of Dahlias, as the name implies. To see the true type of this Dahlia, see our "Chocolate Soldier," page 11. Others of this type of Dahlia are now appearing. They are very beautiful and artistic.

SINGLE DAHLIAS

Open centered Dahlias, small to very large, with eight to twelve floral rays, more or less in one circle. Margins often incurved (turned down). The type embraces the larger Century types, as well as the small English varieties.

POMPON DAHLIAS

This is the "baby" Dahlia of them all, and is almost a miniature Show Dahlia in type. Pompons are very much in demand, as they make a wonderful flower for table decoration. They blossom early and late in the season, are very free in blooming quality, and come in many rich and desirable tones. You will find this type pictured on page 22. The varieties are listed together on page 24. These will be found very inexpensive. They should be planted by themselves, as they are low growing.

GENERAL LIST OF VARIETIES

- ATTENTION*—Decorative. Amber pink and claret wine shadings, usually with paper white markings; often tipped white at points of petals. A pleasing combination. Upright stems. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.50
- AMELIA ANNA KEARNY*—Decorative. A good old fashioned name for a wonderfully fine rare shade of strawberry colored blossoms; almost a cerise rose. A general favorite in our gardens. Tubers, each - - - - - \$2.00
- ARTESIA*—Decorative-peony. Light lemon yellow blossoms which are held erect all season, on long, strong stems. Free flowering. Late in the season the blossoms are enclined to show a tendency to come semi-double, at which time it is especially fine; showing a bright yellow center. The size is medium to large. Tubers each - - - - - \$2.50
- ANOTIA*—Decorative-peony. White, with soft rose shadings throughout, and especially so on the reverse side of the petals. The first blossoms are of great size, and very double, while in the late season the flowers are Peony flowering. Good stems, and free blooming, while the plant is rather low in growth. Tubers, each \$3.00
- ARGONAUT*—Decorative-peony. Light orange and terra cotta shades. This is a low growing Dahlia, which blossoms freely on good stems. A new variety which is very promising. Tubers, each - - - - - \$3.00
- AL KORAN*—Decorative. A very proud and handsome Dahlia. The extra tall plants are very useful for background effects and are liberally covered with large blooms of golden rod and amber. The petals of the flower are wavy, and the flower is held erect on strong stems. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00
- ALOHA*—Peony. One of the best light canary yellow Dahlias, and with all the characteristics which are desired. Tubers, each - - - - - \$2.50
- ALMOND*—Decorative-peony. A large flower, very free flowering, and very beautiful in it's soft tones of apricot pink and almond. Another low growing plant. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.50
- ARGENSTROTH*—Decorative. One of the outstanding 1929 introductions. Very robust in growth, and beautiful in appearance. Great broad leaf foliage. The blossoms are of giant size, both in diameter and depth. The shadings are of rich, deep, claret wine, often blended with velvety maroon. Truly a great Dahlia. Tubers, each - - - - - \$10.00
- ALCALDE*—Decorative. One of our very finest Dahlias. The most attractive offspring from our "Wizard of Oz" that it has been our privilege and pleasure to offer our customers. Rich old rose and bronzy pink tones. On rare occasions this plant will throw a few blossoms which are beautifully marked paper white. As for size, we had blooms measuring from nine to eleven inches in diameter, this season. The variety showed a decided improvement over last year, which is the exception to the usual rule with new varieties. This should prove an excellent Dahlia for exhibition purposes, too. Tubers, each - - - - - \$7.50
- AMUN RA*—Decorative. A Gold Medal variety, it having won many awards at the Palace Hotel Shows, in San Francisco. Gorgeous shades of copper and orange, shading to gold and amber, deepening in the center to rich reddish bronze. Very large flowering, and a robust grower. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00
- ANGEL WINGS*—Decorative. This is a wonderfully fine Dahlia. A creamy white, with just a faint suggestion of lemon. Large flowering, and grown upon a splendid stem. We feel that we cannot recommend this variety too highly, as it has done remarkably well all season. An exhibition variety. Tubers, each - - - - - \$2.50



AS "THE FLOWER OF THE HOUR" BLOOMS TODAY

Three specimen blooms; of our "Vasanta," on the left; our "Wizard of Oz," on the right; and "Amun Ra," below.

These splendid Dahlias were grown without any forcing of the plant whatsoever, and are a manifestation of what can be done with our Dahlia tubers, anywhere. For a number of years we have used no stable nor barnyard manures. Our tubers have not been forced. We use only a compost, which we term a *natural* fertilizer. This compost contains only the trimmings from the Dahlia plant itself, such as waste blossoms, foliage, stalks, and waste tubers, combined with oak leaf-mold.

Our theory has proven to be practical and absolutely correct, and has revolutionized methods of Dahlia culture.

- APACHE*—Decorative. It is a baffling task to describe a Dahlia such as this wonderful 1929 introduction. It is a proud offspring of the world famous "Wizard of Oz," crossed with the "Grizzly." Blooming freely on small plants the blossoms actually measured eleven to twelve inches in diameter, without forcing. Similar in type to The Wizard of Oz, it has taken a striking tone of cherry red from The Grizzly. with a mere suggestion of gold at tips of the center petals. This is very early flowering. Good stems. Tubers, each - - - - - \$15.00
- BALKENS*—Single-peony. Artistic flowers of light apricot shades. Very free flowering. Upright stems. Tubers, each - - - - - 75 cents
- BASHFUL GIANT*—Decorative. One of the largest Dahlias grown. Most suitable for exhibition purposes. Apricot, with tan and gold shadings. Tubers, each \$1.00
- BEVERLY BOKEL*—Decorative. Not a large flowering variety, yet one of very wonderful coloring, and great value as a cut flower. Brightest soft pink, lightened with a suggestion of yellow flame at base of petals. An ideal flower for the florist. A compact little beauty which keeps well. Abundance of dark foliage, which matches the color of the blossoms unusually well. Also a 1929 introduction. Tubers, each - - - - - \$3.00
- BARBARA LATZ*—Decorative-Peony. This is one of our varieties that is always in great demand, on account of its unusually good qualities. It is a low-growing plant, early, very free in bloom, and always with a good upright stem. The color is a clear lemon yellow. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.50
- BYRON*—Decorative. One of our older Dahlias, and one of the most reliable. Deep, rich burgundy wine color. Large flowering, and of great depth; always borne upon good stems. This Dahlia will stand forcing, and is much improved by trimming as well as debudding. A good exhibition variety. Tubers, each 75c
- BABETTE*—Peony. Amber yellow, shading to apricot and buff tones. Of great size, and prolific in blooming quality. Early flowering. One of our Dahlias. Tubers, each - - - - - \$2.50
- BILLY BRAD*—Decorative-Peony. Here is a Dahlia that attracts the eye at first glance, and is one of our introductions of much merit. It is an offspring from our "Earle Williams." A combination of rich tones of cherry red and wine, shading to maroon, and very often prettily marked paper white. This is most attractive, and useful for the exhibition table. Tubers, each - - - - - \$2.50
- CALIFORNIA SUPREME*—Decorative. One of our very finest 1929 introductions. A greatly glorified "Pride of California," in a similar tone of crimson, often shaded with a deep, rich cherry red. Vigorous, strong, and beautiful. Long upright stems. Good red Dahlias are not as plentiful as they were a few years past. This is one that will give complete satisfaction for years to come. Tubers, each \$10.00
(See "California Supreme" on opposite page.)
- CAMANCHE*—Decorative-Peony. Light salmon red shades. Free flowering, upright stems. The flowers are of large size. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.50
- CLARISSA BLANCO*—Decorative. This is one of our own giant-flowering, new introductions. There is positively nothing that can compare with it in these tones. Another offspring from our "Earle Williams," which is even larger than its parent, and is also of much depth. The color is deep claret wine, sometimes marked white. This variety may be depended upon to always make a wonderful showing, anywhere. In the garden it blooms in great profusion, and tops practically everything on the exhibition table. Tubers, each - - - - - \$2.00



CALIFORNIA SUPREME

(For description see page 9)

CLARA SEATON—Show. A beautifully quilled flower of good size, and with upright, hardy plant growth. The color is a rich bronzy gold. This is one of our own introductions, and we believe it to be one of the very best of this type in existence. Tubers, each - - - - - 75c.

COPPER—Peony. Another of our own Dahlias, first offered a number of years ago, yet one that we find difficulty in getting along without, as it has proven very satisfactory wherever grown. A combination of coppery yellow tones, with just a suggestion of pink. Tubers, each - - - - - 75c.

COMPENSATION—Decorative. One of our finest recent introductions. It has all the good points that could be desired, and has always oversold. The color is a transparent shade of bright, clear raspberry red. Should prove valuable for exhibition purposes, as well as for garden effect, as it grows to good size. Tubers, each \$2.00

C. C. MOORE—Peony, A pleasant shade of orange buff. The blooms are thrown well out from the plant, on strong stems. This variety has proven to be very satisfactory. Tubers, each - - - - - 75c.

CHOCOLATE SOLDIER—Cactus-Peony. Another of our own introductions, and one of extreme merit. It is of an entirely new type of Dahlia. The color is a new shade; rich velvety chocolate maroon, sometimes with a tinge of purple. The diameter of the flower will measure from 7 to 9 inches, with splendid long stems. When not debudded, every bud will develop a good flower. This variety is one of the most admired in our garden and is really a rather late blooming Dahlia. Tubers, each - - - - - \$2.00



THE
CHOCOLATE
SOLDIER

- CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE*—Decorative. Another of our wonderful new Dahlias which we have never listed in our catalog. It is all that the name implies in brightness, and warmth of color. Brightest light flame, with a gold suffusion. The very best Dahlia we know, in these colorings. It is a good strong grower, with exceptionally desirable stems. We recommend this variety very highly to those who want the best. Tubers, each - - - - - \$5.00
- CITY OF PORTLAND*—Peony. One of the largest and most desirable, clear canary yellow Dahlias. Its long, graceful petals are beautifully twisted and curved. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00
- CHAMPAGNE*—Decorative. A massive flower standing upright on a long, stiff stem. Rare coloring; dull gold, varying to chamois. The immense blooms attract much attention. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00
- DEL MONTE SUNSHINE*—Peony flowering one of our recent introductions. This plant is a robust and upright in growth, throwing many beautiful blossoms at one time, on good stems. The color is most unusual and attractive, being a bright fireman red, suffused and tipped with gold. Tubers, each - \$3.50
- DON WILLIAMS*—Decorative-Peony. Again we present another of our own Dahlias, in new colorings. It is a low-growing plant and one that is fairly covered with blossoms all season. When debudded and grown for size, it will grow immense. It has splendid stems. An offspring from the well-known "Earle Williams" Dahlia. Unlike the latter variety, it has no red in it, but of an entirely new shade of lavender, each petal being tipped snow white. When forced a bit, this is a wonderful Dahlia for the exhibition table. Tubers, each - - \$2.00
- DR. H. L. TEVIS*—Decorative. This is one of the best known California Dahlias, it having won many awards wherever shown. The bloom is very large, and always upon a good strong stem. The colorings are best described as being of the lighter apricot shades. Tubers, each - - - - - 75c.
- EARLE WILLIAMS*—Decorative. This Dahlia is pictured on the opposite page, less than one-half actual size. Deep, rich crimson, with paper white markings. A wonderfully fine Dahlia. For further description, see next page. Tubers, each \$1.50
- EXPRESSION*—Peony. Glistening snow white. Especially free blooming; on good upright stems. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00
- EARLY DAWN*—Decorative. A small flower of exquisite beauty, borne on upright stem. The colorings are silvery rose pink. Very dainty. This little Dahlia may be relied upon to be most satisfactory for room decoration. Tubers, each 75c.
- ELLA NAOMI PIERCE*—Decorative-Peony. This is another Dahlia of our own introduction, and one that is greatly admired for its coloring. It is of a DuBarry red tone, overlaid with a sheen of blue flame. Good habits. Tubers, each \$1.50
- ELIZABETH WEITZ*—Peony. A new offspring from our "Nobilis," which is much the same coloring, but of different formation. Crimson to cherry red, intermingled with paper white throughout the blossom, some few blossoms coming without the white. Splendid stems. One of the best new Dahlias. Tubers, each \$2.00
- ECHO*—Decorative-Peony. Large blossoms of golden yellow, with orange suffusion toward base of petals. Strong upright growth, with strong stems. A 1929 introduction. This Dahlia excels as a late flowering variety. Tubers, each \$3.00



OUR "EARLE WILLIAMS" DAHLIA
(Less than one-half actual size)

This Dahlia has proved to be the finest variegated variety under cultivation, with our "Nobilis" a close second. It has been our observation that the latter named variety does better than the "Earle Williams" in the warmer climates, so here we present two of the most attractive and wonderful Dahlias that it has ever been our privilege to offer. The two Dahlias grow almost identical in coloring, with us, the deep crimson of the stipes in a silk American flag, combined with paper white.

In the reproduction shown above the crimson predominates, while in the "Nobilis" the white usually predominates, and the center is often more prominent than in the "E. W.," with the blossoms not quite so large. The "Nobilis" can be distinguished from its offspring by a rather wavy effect of the petals.

We have never known either of these two Dahlias to fail to win in competition with other variegated varieties, and on the contrary, we learn where our customers win the highest honors offered, all over the U. S. A., with these Dahlias.

The "Don Williams" and "Attention" are two varieties which are also beautifully variegated.



ELLINOR VANDERVEER—DECORATIVE DAHLIA
(One of the Finest Originations)

This immense glowing, satiny rose pink decorative which helped Jessie L. Seal to win the Palace Hotel Trophy Cup for the best collection of 12 California Dahlias at a recent show.

- ERMA KILPATRICK*—Decorative. 1929 introduction of most remarkable qualities. This is an offspring from our "Wizard of Oz." A giant in size, and of extreme beauty, with stems three and four feet in length. Soft amber rose shadings. Nothing better. Tubers, each - - - - - \$10.00
- ELLINOR VANDERVEER*—Decorative. Introduced by Jessie L. Seal. One of the very finest prize winning Dahlias. It has proven a great success throughout the country. Of exquisite beauty and great size. The color is a glowing silvery rose pink, while the blossoms are of great depth and substance. The plant is a sturdy grower, and the stems are strong, long, and upright. A splendid value \$1.00
- GHOST*—Decorative. Another of our 1929 introductions of exceptional merit. We believe this to be the finest snow white Dahlia to date. The large blossoms are full to the center throughout the season, and are in great number. The stems are excellent. Tubers, each - - - - - \$7.50
- GOLDEN GLOW*—Peony. A semi-double type which is most artistic and attractive. The petals have a somewhat wavy effect. Rich, golden yellow blooms, while the foliage is also most attractive. 1929 introduction. Tubers, each - - - - - \$5.00
- GOLDEN HARVEST*—Decorative-Cactus. It has an ideal growth and holds its type throughout the entire season, blooming in profusion. Golden Harvest can be forced to unusually large size, and is a variety that will stand debudding. Golden yellow blossoms, as clear and bright as can be, on long, strong stems. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.50
- GLADYS SHERWOOD*—Decorative-Cactus-Peony. The blossoms are of immense size, while the stem is good, and the blooming qualities are all that could be desired. One of the best snow white Dahlias. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00
- GRIZZLY*—Peony. Maroon red, shading to deepest cherry. A very large and splendid California Dahlia. A robust grower. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00
- GOLDEN ORIOLE*—Decorative-Peony. Very early and free blooming. Golden yellow, slightly suffused bronze. A splendid exhibition variety. Tubers, each \$1.50
- GEO. WALTERS*—Decorative-Cactus-Peony. Salmon to shrimp pink shades. Stems are especially long and strong. A good flower for exhibition or as a cut flower; also gives a very pretty garden effect. Tubers, each - - - - - 75c.
- GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY*—Show. Here we have another of our finest Dahlias in this type. Rich buttercup yellow, shaded burnt orange, directly in the center of the flower. Always upon good, strong stems. Fine for exhibition, as well as for cut flower purposes. Tubers, each - - - - - 75c.
- HALL CAINE*—Decorative-Peony. One of the most beautiful new introductions. Bright orange, and light orange red shadings, often marked with a suggestion of yellow. Bright, golden yellow center. Blossoms freely on good, upright stems. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.50
- HONG KONG*—Peony-Cactus. This flower is inclined to resemble the peony type more than it does the cactus type; nevertheless, it often has rather sharp-pointed petals and is perhaps about one-fourth cactus type. Oriental colors, of buttercup yellow toward the center, while the outer petals are shaded a deep tomato red. Tubers, each - - - - - \$2.50
- HOLLYWOOD*—Peony. Very low growing and early blooming. A dainty little flower of soft-toned shades of apricot and salmon pink. Very free blooming. Tubers, each - - - - - 75c.
- IDA E. DOOLITTLE*—Peony. Color of the La France rose; silvery rose pink. A long-stemmed variety of great beauty. Tubers, each - - - - - \$5.00

JEAN CHAZOT—Decorative-Cactus. One of the finest of the imported Dahlias. It is unsurpassed by any of the autumn tinted Dahlias as a cut flower. It is a free, upright grower; long, stiff wiry stems hold the flowers well above the foliage in such manner as to display their full beauty. The color is a beautiful golden bronze, with just a faint suggestion of nasturtium red, which adds to its charm. Tubers, each - - - - - 75c.

KITTIE DUNLAP—Decorative. This very splendid California Dahlia is best described as being of a delightful shade of deepest rose, with, perhaps, a tinge of the American Beauty rose coloring. It has a good stem and grows to immense size. It is very often a prize winner. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00

K. J. D.—Decorative. Brightest, light crimson. A profusion of bloom all season. Good stems, and a variety that always attracts attention. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00

LA CREOLE—Decorative. Our own, and while the blossom is not large, we are very fond of this variety, as it is especially good as a cut flower, and the color is very fine. A rich cherry red shaded to maroon. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00

LITTLE PINK KITTEN OF OZ—Single-Peony. Soft blush pink, shaded amber. It is considered one of the prettiest flowers in our garden, although the blooms are never over 5 to 6 inches in diameter. Long, strong stems; very prolific in bloom. Our introduction. Tubers, each - - - - - 75c.



THE "LITTLE PINK
KITTEN OF OZ"

An excellent little
flower for the table or
garden

- LORNA SANBORNE*—Decorative-Peony. Apricot and light orange shades. This is a very pretty flower when perfected. Upright growth. Tubers, each - 75c.
- LAVERNE*—Peony. A free-blooming variety with good substantial growth. Large. The color is light lemon yellow. Tubers each - \$1.00
- LE GRANDE MANITOU*—Decorative. One of the older Dahlias, which is always in good demand. Variegated, purple and white. Large, and very attractive. Tubers, each - 75c.
- L. C. ANDERSON*—Decorative. Blossoms are of good size, borne on strong, upright stems. The color is a very rich shade of golden apricot. One of the best. Tubers, each - \$1.50
- MARYAN*—Decorative. A very hardy growing plant, which throws a very large, long-stemmed blossom. The color is a combination of orange buff and apricot tones. Very effective at all times. Tubers, each - \$1.50
- MRS. I. DE VER WARNER*—Decorative-Peony. An Eastern Dahlia of merit. The first blooms of this variety will come full to the center, while the next blossoms come in the peony type. The entire growth, including the stem, is all that could be desired. The blossoms are of good size and are most attractive. A deep yet bright shade of rose pink. Tubers, each - 75c.
- MARIPOSA*—Decorative-Cactus. A delightful shade of violet pink, which is intensified by a violet suffusion deepening in the center. This beautiful bloom of great depth and substance is splendid for exhibition as well as for the garden. The stem is very good. Another Californian. Tubers, each - \$2.00
- MONTEREY*—Peony-Cactus. An offspring from our greatest of all Dahlias, the "Wizard of Oz," so you may expect something remarkably good from this new Dahlia of our own introduction. As the peony-cactus type indicates, this is seldom a full flower, more often showing a bright open center, with long tapering petals, quite sharp at the tips. It is by nature a wild grower, however, and giant flowering when forced at the proper time. The colors are soft amber to flesh pink. Tubers, each - \$2.00
- MONTECITO*—Peony. Another of our new ones. A very attractive shade of rose pink, interwoven with lighter shades of lavender pink. Very large and greatly admired. Tubers, each - 75c.
- MAGIC FLOWER OF OZ*—Decorative-Peony. Flowers in great number all season. One of hardy growers, and most wonderful of our introductions. Light coppery yellow, shaded bronze. The flowers are always of good size, thrown high on good stems, often towering above everything else in the garden. You will like this Dahlia. Tubers, each - \$1.50
- MOTHER O'PEARL*—Peony. Large blossoms of white, with a lovely tone of "mother of pearl" throughout the blossom. Long stems. Our own. Tubers, each - \$1.50
- MAGNIFICENT*—Cactus. Amber to salmon pink. A beautiful California Dahlia, for which there is a continued demand. The blossoms are of good size and with incised petals. Tubers, each - \$1.00
- MRS. CARL SALBACK*—Decorative. This Californian is deservedly a prize winner at many Dahlia shows. Besides being of great size and beauty, it has all the good qualifications required. The color is best described as being lavender pink. Tubers, each - 75c.

- MRS. G. ROEST*—Peony. Another new type of Dahlia. Almost single flowers, the petals being rounded at the tips, while the color is golden apricot, with a suggestion of pink. The bright yellow center is very prominent. An upright growth, and with fine stems. Tubers, each - - - - - 75c.
- MORNING MIST*—Peony. 1929 introduction. Softest shades of apricot, pink, and yellow, with gold suffusion. Of satiny texture. A charming flower of medium size. Tubers, each - - - - - \$3.00
- MIDNIGHT SUN*—Peony. A splendid new canary yellow Dahlia. A very clear shade. Good characteristics, and very prolific in bloom, while the size is well above the average. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.50
- MRS. GEO. SHEFFIELD*—Decorative-Show. White, with rose pink to orchid suffusion. The blossoms are very numerous, and are held upright on wonderfully long, strong stems. Medium size blossoms. A most desirable cut flower variety. Tubers each - - - - - \$2.00
- M. H. de YOUNG*—Decorative. Another Californian which deserves much praise, as it is of exceptionally fine color, and with other good characteristics as well. Golden apricot, suffused amber. It is almost old gold in color. Much admired. Tubers, each - - - - - \$3.00
- NEWTONDALE*—Peony. Often referred to as a warm yellow, also as "corn" yellow. Ideal grower, throughout. A 1929 introduction. Tubers, each - \$1.50
- NOBILIS*—Decorative. Large substantial blooms of white and crimson, which coloring makes this one of the most desired variegated Dahlias in existence. One of our own which we can heartily recommend. The foliage is very luxuriant and of a pretty shade of green. Excellent for all purposes. Tubers, each - \$1.50
- NIBELUNGENHORT*—Cactus. About one-fifth decorative type. Soft amber pink, shading to flesh pink. Extremely pretty, and a good cut flower, either for the house or for exhibition. Tubers, each - - - - - 75c.
- ORANGE QUEEN*—Decorative-Peony. Orange color, with reverse side of petals a golden bronze. A very pretty effect. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00
- ORANGE DOAZON*—Decorative-Peony. Large blossoms of several shades of orange red. Good stems. There is always demand for this as a cut flower. Tubers, each 75c.
- PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA*—Decorative. Throws good large blooms of a deep red color. Bright and effective. Splendid growth and good stems. Tubers, each - 50c.
- PRINCESS PAT*—Decorative. Old rose tones. Good qualifications throughout. Another Californian. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00
- PARADISE FOUND*—Decorative-Peony. A wonderful new introduction of our own, and one which we are especially pleased to recommend. The color is deep lemon yellow. It is usually a very heavy flower, blooming in great profusion, on extra strong stems. The great depth of the flower is remarkable, as well as the diameter, the back petals covering the stem like a huge chrysanthemum. We often grow this ten and eleven inches in diameter. Splendid for exhibition as well as all other purposes. Tubers, each - - - - - \$2.50
- RAMONA*—Decorative. Reddish brown, cherry to blood red, with gold suffusion. This is one of four introductions of merit. Exceptionally free in blooming qualities, and with good size blossoms, on good stem. Very fine. New. Tubers, each \$2.00

ROSA NELL—Decorative. Another splendid California Dahlia. It has two outstanding qualifications: color and size. Nothing better for exhibition. Very fair stems and good blooming quality. Brightest cerise rose. Tubers, each - - - \$1.00

ROMAN—Single-Peony. Free flowering; good stems. Medium size blossom of a delightful and unusual coloring, of Roman red to raspberry red. Tubers, each 75c.

RED CROSS—Decorative-Cactus. Light lemon, suffused cinnamon and orange. Good size and splendid stems. Very hardy. Tubers, each - - - 75c.

ST. FRANCIS—Decorative. Soft cream color, softened with a pinkish glow. It is a low-growing plant with large blossoms, on good stems. Another Californian of merit. Tubers, each - - - - - \$1.00



PARADISE FOUND

SUSAN G. TEVIS—Decorative. Deepest shade of bluish lilac, throughout the flower. Large flowering, with best of stems, besides being a most prolific plant. Was very pretty in our garden this past season. Tubers, each - - - \$2.00

SCREAMER—Peony. One of our best Dahlias, and one that has the distinction of being our "best seller" at our gardens this past season. It is a two-toned Dahlia, with its rich colorings greatly varied with every change of weather conditions, even to the time of day. In the evening when the cooler air prevails, the lavender and violet tones deepen with remarkable certainty. This Dahlia is no exception to that rule, and its large size, hardy growth, and pretty foilage make it a general favorite for all purposes. Violet purple, suffused mauve. When well grown, it is undoubtedly one of the finest Dahlias in existence. Tubers, each - - - \$1.00



SOUTHWEGO

SOUTHWEGO—Decorative. In this Dahlia we have one of the most strikingly beautiful Dahlias ever introduced. The color is burnished bronze, with suggestions of apricot and gold, and with the petals edged tan. The wavy effect of the petals also add to the general beauty and attractiveness. The growth of the plant is medium high to low, and the blossoms are held erect on long stems. Exceptionally free flowering. One of our best offsprings from the "Wizard of Oz." Tubers, each \$5.00

SHADOW'S LAVENDER—Decorative. Large and exceptionally fine where given a fair amount of attention. White ground color, suffused and shaded a pretty shade of lavender. The foliage is very attractive. Good stems and a hardy growth throughout. A California Dahlia. Splendid exhibition variety. Tubers, each \$2.00



THE "WIZARD OF OZ"

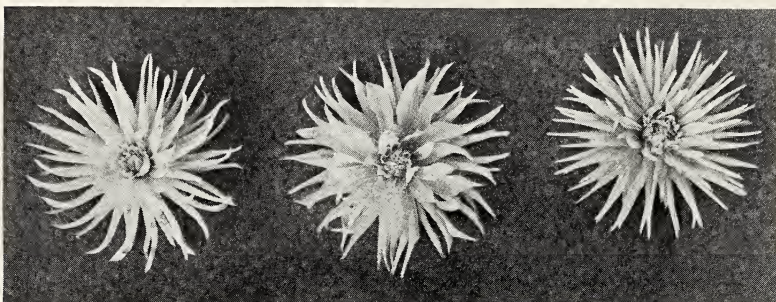
THE WIZARD OF OZ—Decorative. Again, this splendid Dahlia of our own introduction has proved to be by far the largest and best Dahlia in our gardens, this past season. It is good early, in mid-season, and is still the best of its race, at the close of the blooming period. This Dahlia continues to win for our customers, wherever exhibited. One customer, Richard M. Buttle, of Seattle, Wash., reports that he grows this nearly 14 inches in diameter. We would say that this Dahlia is about one-eighth Cactus type. It is a flower of refined appearance, regardless of its determination to grow immense. If this Dahlia has one weak point, we do not know it. The color is a rare shade of glowing amber pink, or soft, salmon pink shades. We now have a big stock of this Dahlia, for the first time, and want everybody to grow it. The price of this variety will again be cut this season, and where assortments of 100, 50, or 25 varieties are ordered, and left to our selection, we will include the Wizard of Oz at special rates. The straight price of this variety is \$2.50

SWEET REMEMBRANCE—Peony. Not a large blossom, yet of exceptionally pretty tones of bright, soft rose pink, with a suggestion of yellow. Beautiful deep green foliage and good stems. Tubers, each 75c.

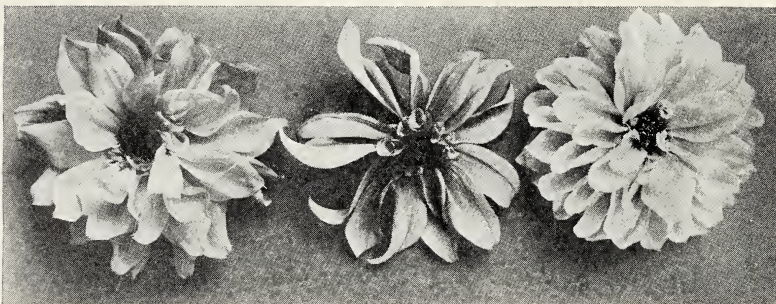
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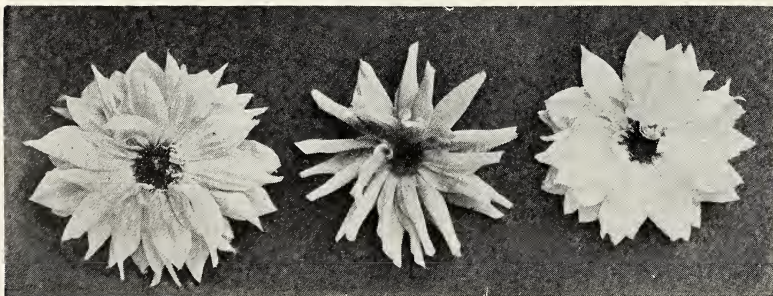


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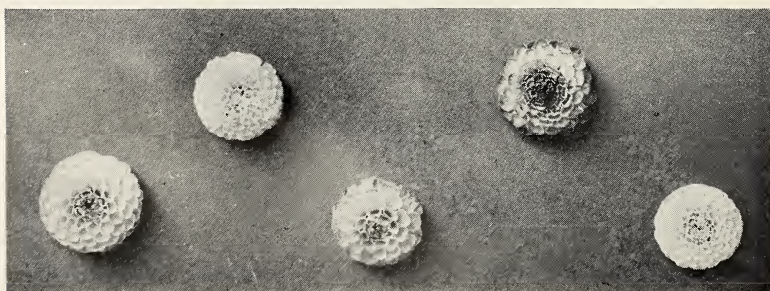


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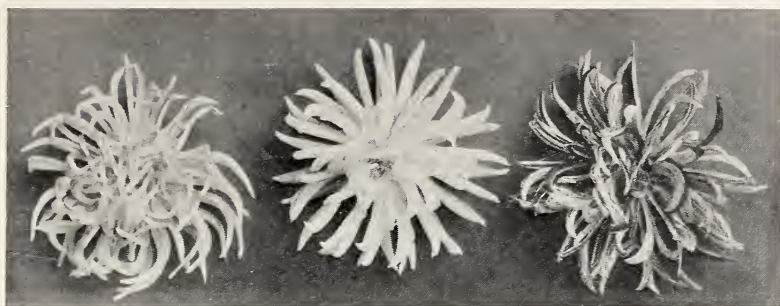
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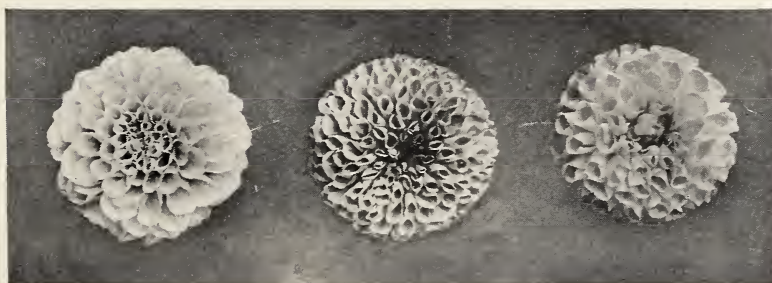
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TRINIDAD—Decorative. A large and beautiful Dahlia, which blossoms freely, on extra long stems. Yellow and tan shades. Tubers, each - - - \$1.00

TRAUFNER'S CHOICE—Decorative-Cactus. The plants of this variety are a mass of bloom all season. Blossoms are of good size, wiry stems, and desirable qualifications. The color is a soft rose pink, almost a lavender tone. Tubers, each 75c.

WHITE QUEEN—Decorative-Cactus. Glistening white. Blossoms freely; long stems. Another importation, and a good one. Tubers, each - - - \$1.50

WASHINGTON CITY—Decorative-Cactus-Peony. A most attractive white Dahlia. Can be grown to great size. The flowers often show two or three types, yet always pretty. A Californian of merit. Tubers, each - - - \$1.00



POMPON DAHLIAS

The Pompon type of Dahlia is the "baby" Dahlia of them all. At first glance, one not acquainted with this type would think it belonged to another sphere, other than the Dahlia world. Nevertheless, this is a very popular little plant, and is especially so for a cut flower, as the the blooms are often kept for a week. These plants grow quite low, and should be a mass of bloom all season. A much longer list of Pompons are promised for another season.

We offer a splendid selection of these at 35c each, or a dozen may be had for \$4.00; 50 tubers for \$15.50; or 102 tubers for \$30.00. SENT POSTPAID.

ACHILLES—Delicate lavender, tinted lilac. A dainty, much liked flower.

ARTHUR KERLEY—Deep, rich cherry red. Good, long stems. You can't go wrong with this one.

AMBER QUEEN—Beautiful flowers of amber and apricot. A general favorite.

APRICOT—Apricot pink and yellow tones. This variety is very much liked, though the blossoms are not of the exhibition type.

ANTOINETTE—Small flowers of bright lemon yellow. Quite attractive. Our own.

BOBBY—Splendid form. Magenta to plum color.

DARKNESS—One of the darkest. Maroon, almost black. This is greatly admired, but is not an exhibition type.

DONOVAN—White petals, edged deep lavender. Very satisfactory; a great favorite.

FASCINATION—Very fine; an especially attractive cut flower. Lavender pink, lighter toward center.

GIRLIE—Lavender to mauve. The best to date, in these tones.

GLOW—A charming shade of old rose. Always in demand.

HENRIETTA—Deep sulphur yellow, each petal bordered with rosy lilac. Very free in bloom; good type.

HELEN LAMBERT—Brightly colored blossoms of canary yellow. Very free in bloom.

JACQUES—One of the best of this color, although the type is not the best. Deep canary yellow. A very good cut flower. Our introduction.

JOS. FETTE—Our favorite white; very free in bloom. The color is pure white, without the usual yellow or lavender tint.

SUNBEAM—Well named. One of the brightest. Crimson scarlet.

SAN TOY—Another of the favorites. White, tinged carmine rose. The blossoms are sometimes rather large, but very attractive.

SUNNY DAYBREAK—Golden yellow, suffused orange red. Very desirable; a wonderful cut flower. Good for exhibition.

SUNSET—Bright orange color. A favorite; always desirable. Good for exhibition.

TOMMY KEITH—An unusual, variegated pompon. Cherry red and white.

TWO NEWER INTRODUCTIONS

LYNETTE—A pompon of our origination; one of the latest. The color is lemon yellow, with each petal heavily edged with carmine rose. A small flower with excellent stems and of good type. You must have this one in your garden. Tubers, each \$1.00

TORRES—New. Another of our introductions, and one of exceptional quality. The colors are of deep orange red and light orange, each petal shading to lemon at base, which lends a very pretty effect. Exceptionally fine stems. Tubers, each \$1.00

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Positively, Dahlias have no competitors, for either garden effect or general use. The more the blossoms are properly cut, the better developed is the blooming quality of the plant.

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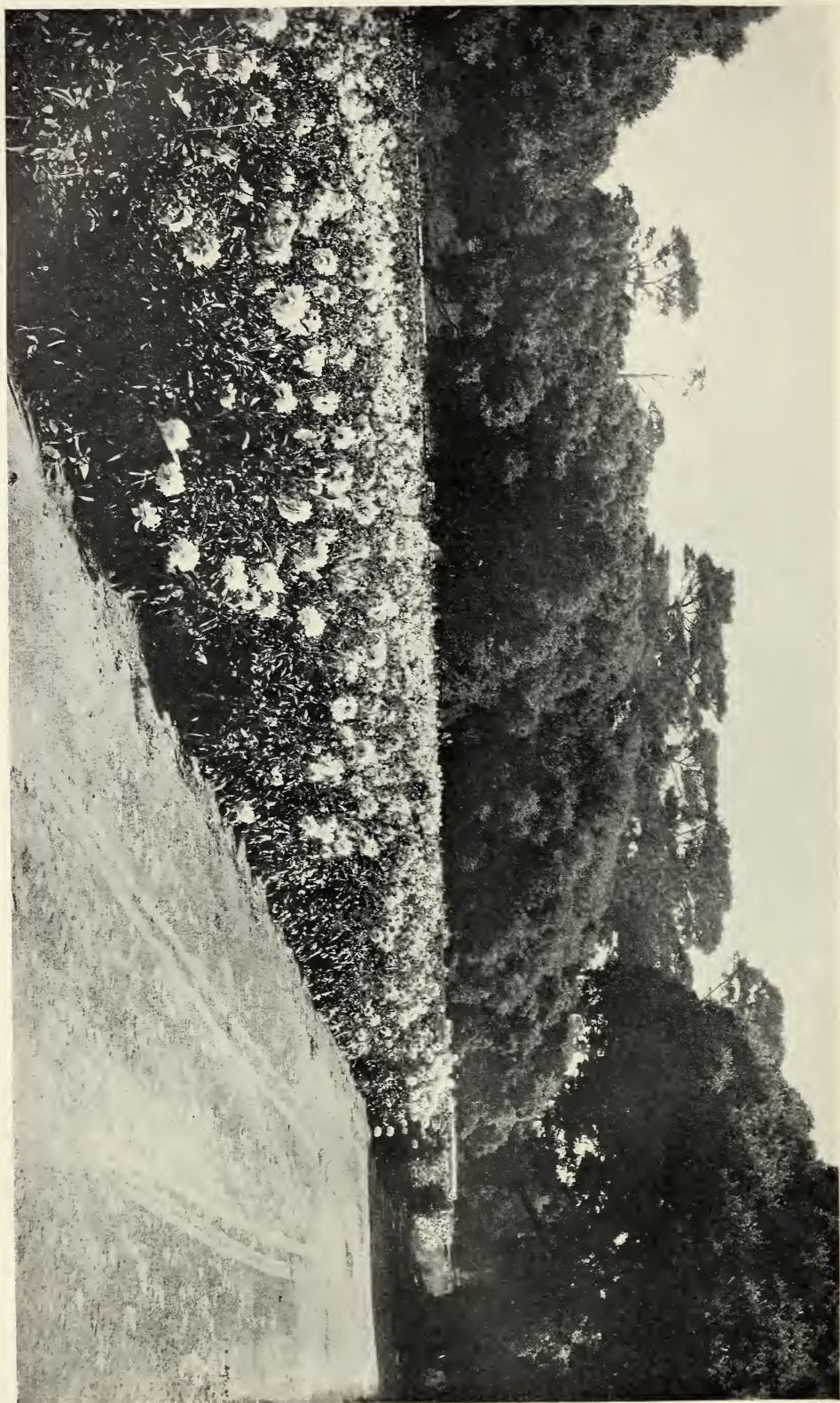
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